

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Dean Gisvold called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: Joe Arellano, Charlotte Beeman, Robert Brading, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Stephen Feltz, Mark Garber, Martha Gies, Molly Gloss, Jon Kruse, Marneet Lewis, Diane McKeel, and Alice Meyer. Board members Rick Gustafson and Donna Oden-Orr were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, Connie Christopher, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Penny Hummel, Rita Jimenez, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Carolyn Myers, Brenda Clark, Fun Martin, Susan Egan, Martha Flotten, Nancy Arveson, Virginia Tribe, Vicky Oglesbee, Duncan Baruch, Kate Houston Mitchoff and Monique Coleman. Also in attendance were: Stephanie Vardavas -- Friends of the Library, Commissioner Serena Cruz, Mary Carroll -- Office of Commissioner Serena Cruz, Dr. Herman Frankel, and Bruce Silverman.

The minutes of the October 9, 2004 meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dean asked Mr. Bruce Silverman to discuss his recent letter to all Library Board members regarding relocating Central Library to the Memorial Coliseum. Mr. Silverman talked about the need to find a larger space to house Central's entire collection, including those items now located in closed Stacks. Discussion ensued about the feasibility of this suggestion. Library board members thanked Mr. Silverman for his proposal.

Dean also reported that board member Jeff Tashman has resigned. Dean and fellow board members Joe Arellano and Stephen Feltz have accepted reappointment for a second four-year term.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was discussed. Specific items discussed were:

- 1) Tapestry of Tales Storytelling Festival: Molly noted the item in her report but deferred further discussion as Kate Mitchoff would present more about this item later in the meeting.
- 2) Friends of Library Sale: Molly asked Friends president Stephanie Vardavas to talk about the recent sale. Stephanie reported that net proceeds totaled \$90,200. She noted that sales were strong throughout the event. She also noted the new larger location contributed to their success in that all of the books were put out for sale at the beginning. Book donations are currently flowing in for the spring Sale in May.
- 3) Hillsdale Library: Hillsdale Library has been awarded LEED™ (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification. Hillsdale Library was featured

in an article and on the cover of the November/December 2004 issue of *eco-structure*, an environmental architecture magazine.

County Priority Setting Process

Molly reported that since the repeal of the ITAX was not successful, the work of the Design Team will now be incorporated into the upcoming budgeting process for 2005-2006. The Design Team has decided how to move forward and the Library board members will have an opportunity to learn more about the process and provide feedback over a longer period of time than was previously set. The same hearing process for departments and the community will take place and the emphasis will be on what services the County will buy rather than what services it will cut. Molly will send out updates to the Library Board as they become available.

ACCESS SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Joe Arellano and Cindy Gibbon said the Committee had suggested submitting a statement from the entire Library Board to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the BCC's upcoming consideration of a resolution about the USA PATRIOT Act. Cindy distributed a draft of a memo of advice from the Library Board. The statement of advice speaks specifically to those areas of the USA PATRIOT Act affecting the Library and library policy relating to patron privacy. Cindy said the committee would meet soon, form their recommendations and send them out to the Library Board for review and approval.

Dr. Herman Frankel spoke about the work of his organization, [Rights 101Oregon](#), regarding the USA PATRIOT Act. Members of [Rights 101Oregon](#) are concerned about the USA PATRIOT Act's effect on civil liberties.

TAPESTRY OF TALES STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Kate Houston Mitchoff, Chair of the 2004 Tapestry of Tales Storytelling Festival, talked about the upcoming storytelling events. After talking about how everyone is a storyteller in their own way, she played a tape recording of a performance by storyteller Donald Davis, one of the Festival's featured performers. Donald Davis will perform at the City Club's Friday Forum at the Governor Hotel on Friday, November 19. Kate acknowledged all of the Festival's sponsors and noted ticket sale locations. Kate ended her presentation by holding a special drawing for board members for tickets to the Festival's Finale event on Saturday, November 20. Marneet Lewis and Gwen Farnham Hyland were the winners.

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Gary Marschke, Vice-Chair of the Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) for the County, offered to co-host forums for public input. He also encouraged interested Library Board members to attend a CIC meeting. The next meeting will be December 16, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m. These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled board meeting.